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SUBJECT: UNESCO: DG'S REVISION OF MASS MEDIA DRAFT

REF: WARVARIV/HEATER TELECON AUGUST 17

- 1. UNESCO PARIS IS CURRENTLY IN TRADITIONAL AUGUST DOLDRUMS AS EVERYONE WHO CAN MANAGE IT IS ON VACATION. DELOFF MADE SWEEP OF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AUGUST 17 AND FOUND THAT ENTIRE TOP ECHELON WAS OUT OF TOWN. THOSE REMAINING BEHIND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF STATUS OF DG'S REDRAFT ON MASS MEDIA DECLARATION.
- 2. WE REACHED JOHN KABORE AT 1830 HRS AUGUST 17 (HE APPEARS TO BE RUNNING UNESCO THIS WEEK) AND ASKED HIM TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DG: INTERESTED PARTIES IN U.S., RECALLING HIS STATEMENT TO SECRETARY VANCE AND TO U.S. MEDIA REPS THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY REDRAFT THE MASS MEDIA TEXT AND RELEASE IT DURING FIRST HALF OF AUGUST, ARE NOW ASKING WHERE THE DRAFT IS. IT WOULD HELP GREATLY TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF GOOD WILL BUILT UP CONFIDENTIAL

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IN MEETING WITH MEDIA REPS IF HE WERE TO RELEASE DRAFT SOONEST. KABORE SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS MESSAGE TO THE DG AND REPLY TO US AS SOON AS HE HAD WORD.

3. WE HAVE HEARD UNVERIFIED RUMOR THAT UNIDENTIFIED ADVISORS HAVE COUNSELED THE DG THAT HE SHOULD RENEGE ON HIS FIRST-HALF OF AUGUST COMMITMENT AND DELAY RELEASE

OF HIS REDRAFT, THAT IN LONG RUN HE WOULD HAVE LESS TROUBLE FROM LATE RELEASE THAN FROM EARLY RELEASE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY PERIOD CITED ABOVE, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SOURCES AVAILABLE TO US TO GET CONFIRMATION YET. TORRES

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